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- The switch and signal cysters at Cheb (N51/P 37) railroad station are hand operated. 1 The mechanical signalling systems were destroyed by bombs during World War II and have not been repaired.
- The following locomotives are currently stationed and serviced at the Cheb roundhouse:

25X1 Steam locomotives: Produced by Skoda Works between 1942 and 1944 13 locomotives used for freight trains on the Plzen (N50/LOA) - Cheb line. Produced by CKD Works between 1923 and 1928; to 10 locomotives for passenger trains. Year of production 1928; used for freight trais 2 locomotives only on secondary (local) lines. Relatively old; used as reserve locomotives for 1 locomotive freight trains on the Plzen - Cheb line. Produced in Wiener Neustadt, Lover Austria, in 2 locomotives 1914; used for freight trains on the Plzen - Co line. 25X1 Diesel locomotives: Old engines into which German motor 12 locomotives were fitted during World War II. Produced by the Tatra Works in 1950; used for 2 locomotives senger trains on secondary lines and for light weight passenger trains on the Plzen - Cheb, a

This number of locomotives is insufficient and causes hardship in fulfilling traific requirements.

All of these engines are in poor condition. Spare parts for both locomotives and cars are difficult to obtain; there is also a shortage of lubricants, which are of poor quality when obtained.

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Cheb - Karlovy Vary (N51/ P 69) lines.

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- The steem locorotives use lignite from the Sokolov (Falkenau)(N51/P 58) mines and pit coal from the Ostrava (P50/0 59) mines. For the diesel locomotives synthetic pasoline from the Stalin plant in Most (N51/F 13) is used.
- 4. The following is the daily routine traffic on the lines leading from Cheb:

Cheb - Chomutov (N51/F 02) 35 freight trains, 27 passenger trains, 4 passenger express trains;

Cheb - Plzen (N50/L 04) unnscentained number of freight trains, 15 slow passenger trains, 11 passenger express trains:

Cheb - As (M51/ P 18)

4 freight trains, 24 passenger trains,

- 5. Three freight trains bound for Schirnding (M51/P27) and one freight train bound for Selb (M51/P18) leave Cheb daily for Germany.
- 6. The freight trains passing through Cheb transport mainly lightle from the Most area and coment and limestone for the Sokolov chemical plant. The main articles of export freight passing through Cheb are lightle, timber, sugar, porcelain clay, and kaolin. Apart from these, two freight trains of 45 tank cars each bound for Gross Korbetha (152/D 90) or Crumpa (152/D 80) pass through Cheb daily. Two of them return empty to Hoheman from the East Zone of Germany daily.

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- 7. The rejerity of rai! traffic was behind schedule in August 1952 because of the shortage of locomotives.
- 8. The railway personnel is corpetent but is under its normal strength and therefore has to work longer hours. The rajority of the personnel is against the present regime in Czechoslovakia.
- The number of persons employed at the Cheb railroad station is around 350. Approximately 200 of them are employed at the station itself, the remainder in rail traffic positions. The station master is Jacoslav Blin, a former train supervisor (makedouci) at Karlovy Vary, Vaclav Kizvetr, Jacoslav Hurt, Jacoslav Hubeny, Vaclav Bada, Josef Randl, Karel Zelenka, Frantisek Novak, and Josef Doubng, are employed as train disratchers. Josef Cech and (fmu) Synek are station elected. Chairman of the Employees' Council (Zavodni rada) of the station is Josef Rajdmajer. Chairman of the station's Communist Party organization is Vaclav Kroura.
- 10. Lont'lly gross wages (i.e. wages before deductions and without proriums or additional pay for overtime work) arount approximately to the following:

Station ranter
Train distratcher

6,000 Kes
6,000 to 7,000 Kes accoming to
function

Train supervisor (vlabvedonci)
Shunter
Shunter
Souductor
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11. 1st Lt (fnu) Anda 25X1

is now assigned to duty at the Directorate of the Czechoslowak Reilroads in Pizer, and visits the Cheb railroad station from time to time on official business, 2

12. A train decoiler has been rlaced on the As (M51/P18) - Selb (M51/P18) railroad line. The derailer is located irreductely west of the roint where the line crosses the As - Muchlbach (Bavaria)(M51/P18) - Selb road. A little to the east, between this road and the As railroad station is a saw rill

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2	3. Another train denailer has been placed on the Cheb - Schirnding (V51/P18) reilroad line near the L41.5 kilometer marker (about 500 yards east-southeast of the rail-	25X1
	could station in Muchibach (Bohemia) (F51/P 27)). In addition, there is a reverable barricade consist- ing of two reinforced concrete beams, each 35 centimeters in diameter. The keys to the demillers are in rescession of the border guard (PS) writs. After the PS personnel have very carefully inspected each passing train, they had ever the keys to the train personnel for un-	25 <b>X</b> 1
L <b>4</b> 0	A military supervisor has been attached to the Cheb station. He supervises all personnel and traffic passing through the station.  all large railroad stations in Czechoslovakia will be put under military supervision.	25 <b>X</b> 1
1.	Comment: Attached is a schematic plan of Cheb railroad station, which shows the station as reconstructed after 1945. No new construction is under way at present.	25X1
<b>2</b> a	Comment: Until the fall of 1951 army office s who were attending courses held by the lilitary Railroad Administration were assigned for training purposes to rajor railroad stations in Czechoslovakia. In October 1951 a new Military Arademy for Railroad Troops was set up in Paraduhica (051/K 79). It is possible that students of this academy are being assigned to rajor stations in a similar manner for the same purpose. 1st Lt Anda probably acts as a military supervisor at the Cheb railroad station.	25X1
3.	Convent: Another reinforced concrete barricade has probably been installed on the railroad line As - Selb.	25 <b>X</b> 1
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